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Dear Sir

I should be glad to visit
Rymouth again, but at
present I have nothing
to read which is not
generally healthful, or
at least secular, - which
the dictionary defines
- "relating to affairs
of the present world, not
holy;" - though not ne-
cessarily unholy; nor
have I any leisure to
prepare it. My writing
at present is profane,
yet in a good sense,
and as it were sacred,
I may say; for finding
the air of the temple
too close, I sat outside.

Don't think that
I say this to get off.
No, no, - it will never
do great much thing
among you. If they
ask for bread will
ye give them a stone.

When I have some
thing of the right
kind depend upon it
I will let you know.

Yrs
Henry D. Thoreau

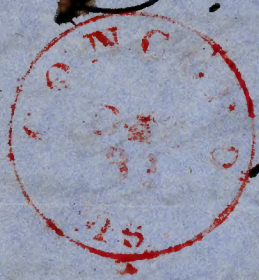
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